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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Roy A. BLACK, et al.  
Title: CRYSTALLINE TNF- $\alpha$ -CONVERTING ENZYME AND  
USES THEREOF  
Appl. No.: 10/057,321  
Appl. Filing Date: 9/24/2001  
Examiner: K. Kerr  
Art Unit: 1652

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

Enclosed are:

[X] Submission Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c) (17 pages).

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$790.00	= \$790.00

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Total Claims:	8	-	20	= 0	x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	1	-	4	= 0	x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:						+	\$360.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:								= \$790.00

- [ X ] Check No. 42052 in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.114(c)**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 16, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Since the response is timely filed, relative to the due date of March 16, 2004, applicants believe that no additional fees are required. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to make appropriate charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

**Amendments to the Specification** are noted on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: